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Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, Section 16-2.2(2)-P2030, Rule IV, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Import Auto Center in Kalispell.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

LARRY D. MITCHELL  
Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Environmental Sciences Division

LDM:vc

Encls.

cc: Richard C. Gauthier, 737 W. Center St., Kalispell, MT 59901

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid Waste Mgmt. Bureau  
Project or Application Richard Gauthier dba/Import Auto Center-Kalispell, MT  
Description of Project An application has been submitted to establish and  
operate a new motor vehicle wrecking facility in Kalispell. The attached  
map shows the exact location of the proposed facility.

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POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics				X		
6. Air quality				X		X
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites				X		

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services				X		X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		X
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction Kalispell Building and Zoning Department

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not necessary

PER Prepared by: LARRY D. MITCHELL

Date: April 19, 1982

DHES/ESD-2

PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

General Comments

Import Auto Center consists of a large steel building on a city lot in Kalispell, Montana. This facility is proposed to be operated as an indoor vehicle dismantling operation and used parts retail outlet for select imported vehicles. Unlike the more typical vehicle salvage business, junked or salvage vehicles will not be stored on site except for those vehicles actively being dismantled within the confines of the building.

The Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and rule require that all vehicles defined as junked vehicles (Sections 75-10-501 (3) MCA 1979) be screened from public view. Wrecking facilities likewise are required to be screened such that junked vehicles are stored out of public view as defined by public roadways. This proposed facility, if operated as intended, is currently screened from public view by virtue of the dismantling shop on the property. The area between the shop and West Center Street may not be used for the storage of junked vehicles unless that area is subsequently screened from public roadways. There are several outlets for dismantled vehicle hulks in the Kalispell area so final disposal of vehicle remains should not be a problem.

Establishing a motor vehicle wrecking facility at the proposed location is in accordance with local zoning requirements following the issuance of a conditional use permit by the Kalispell Board of Adjustment. The terms and conditions of that permit and the screening requirements of the state Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and rule should assure that the proposed facility is operated and maintained properly in regards to the storage or screening of junked vehicles on the property.

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CITY OF KALISPELL  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING  
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*LeRoy E. M. Powell*  
NORMA E. HAPP  
MAYOR

LLOYD R. SHOEMAKER  
BUILDING OFFICIAL

GRANT OF CONDITIONAL USE

APPLICANT: Richard C. Gauthier  
ADDRESS OF CONDITIONAL USE: 737 West Center Street  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: TR 8TC in SE4SW4 072821 AND TR in NE4NW4 182821  
OWNER: Thomas W. and Susan M. Samuel  
ZONE: I-1

The City of Kalispell Board of Adjustment, having held a public hearing on your request for conditional use, after giving proper public notice thereof at fifteen (15) days prior to such Public Hearing, has found that the request as described in said application is consistent with the public interest under the zoning ordinance of Kalispell City for the address indicated.

NOW THEREFORE, the said Board of Adjustment does hereby make the following Grant of Conditional use to Richard C. Gauthier  
283 North Ferndale Drive  
Bigfork, MT 59911

their heirs, assigns and successors in interest to and concerning said property as described above: To operate an automotive recycling-wrecking yard

Said conditional use is granted subject to the following terms and conditions and any violations thereof shall be punishable by law: 1. All automotive dismantling be done inside the building, with no exterior dismantling permitted. 2. That no partial automotive parts or body assemblies be stored in the exterior yard. 3. That not more than five (5) fully assembled vehicles be displayed in the exterior yard. 4. The exterior grounds to be kept in a clean and orderly manner.

GRANTED THIS 12th DAY OF April 1982

KALISPELL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

BY: Al Miron  
BY: M. E. K. Johnson  
BY: Marion O'Neil  
BY: Richard M. Nelson  
BY: Harry M. Taylor

CHAIRMAN Al Miron  
Dr. MEK Johnson  
Marion O'Neil  
Dick Nelson  
Harry Taylor

STATE OF MONTANA

County of Flathead

On this 19 day of April, in the year 1982, before me Marjorie Germann, personally appeared Al Miron, M. E. K. Johnson, M.D., Marion O'Neil, Richard M. Nelson, Harry M. Taylor, known to me (or proved to me on oath of Lloyd Shoemaker) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that (he, she or they) executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

SEAL:

s/ Marjorie Germann  
Notary Public of the State of Montana.  
Residing at Kalispell, Montana  
My Commission expires May 2, 1983



Nick Verano

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  
Environmental Sciences Division  
Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Helena, Montana 59601

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Montana Department of Health and  
Environmental Sciences  
Room A201, Cogswell Building  
Helena, MT 59620

- 1) Name of applicant: Richard C. Gauthier
- 2) Name of facility: IMPORT AUTO CENTER
- 3) Address: 737 W. Center St. Kalispell
- 4) Size and legal description of facility: TRACT TC, Kalispell. One lot 55 ft. X 160 ft. Improvements: One steel building, 40 ft. X 65 ft.

- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:

Name: Thomas W. Samuel and Susan M. Samuel

Address: 124 Pleasant View Drive, Kalispell, Mt. 59901

- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.  
b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.

- 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: Planning Commissioner City Building Official

OF: Kalispell, Montana April 13, 1982  
(city or county)

- 8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: February, 1982

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Richard C. Gauthier PHONE: (406) 257-6447

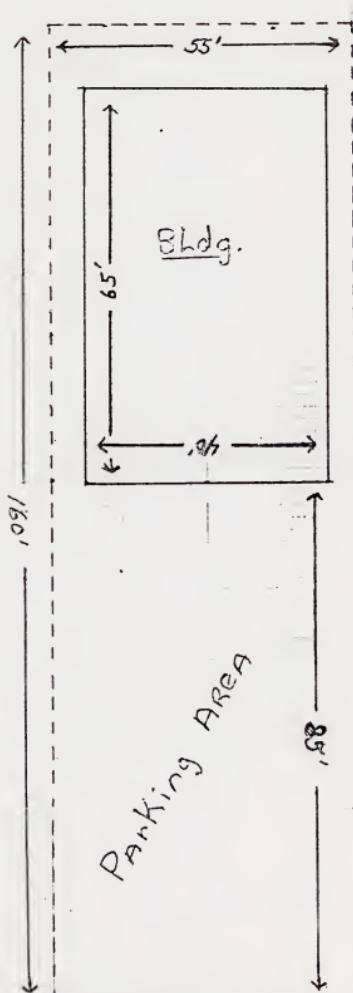
TITLE: Owner/Manager DATE: 4 February 1982



IMPORT AUTO CENTER  
737 W. CENTER ST. - KALISPELL, MT.

ATTACHMENT B

TRACT TC



Bldg. Description:

ALL STEEL CONSTRUCTION -  
TOTALLY ENCLOSED -  
ONE main door 14' x 12'  
ONE office door - standard

WEST CENTER ST. - KALISPELL



# KALISPELL



## PARKS

- 1 — Woodland Park
- 2 — Depot Park
- 3 — Lawrence Park
- 4 — Lion's Park
- 5 — Meridian Park
- 6 — Thompson Field
- 7 — Griffin Park
- 8 — Courthouse Park
- 9 — Daley Ball Park
- 10 — Dry Bridge Park

- PO — Post Office
- F — Fairgrounds
- H — Hospital
- CP — City Police
- CH — County Court House
- S — Sheriffs

- L — Library
- HISTORICAL SITES
- X — Conrad Mansion
- X — Hockaday Art Center
- VC — Summer Visitor's Center
- CC — Junior College

